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TAGS: SHUM, TU, AI
SUBJ: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AUTHORIZED TO OPEN OFFICE IN TURKEY

1. ACCORDING TO ANKARA RADIO REPORT MAY 17, A GOVERNMENT DECREE HAS AUTHORIZED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN ANKARA. (AI VICE PRESIDENT MUMTAZ SOYSAL HAD TOLD US IN JANUARY THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT HAD GIVEN HIS APPROVAL DURING HIS FIRST DAYS IN OFFICE.) WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN THE OFFICE WILL OPEN OR WHO WILL STAFF IT.

2. COMMENT: THIS DECISION CARRIES IMPLICATIONS THAT PARTLY REAFFIRMS THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. AI'S PRESENCE IN TURKEY SHOULD HELP DISCOURAGE MOVES THAT MIGHT WEAKEN TURKEY'S CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES, AND IT SHOULD ALSO HELP STIMULATE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT. GIVEN THE
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IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS THEMES IN THE GREEK-TURKISH PROPAGANDA CONTEST, AI, AWILLINGLY OR NOT, WILL PLAY A ROLE IN THAT CONTEST. THE GOT MAY BE BETTING THAT WHILE AI'S ASSESSMENTS COULD BE EMBARRASSING, THEY PROBABLY WILL HELP DEFEND TURKEY AGAINST GREEK CHARGES. AI'S REPORTS NO DOUBT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR TO CONSIDER -- AND COULD BE A HELPFUL FACTOR -- IN PREPARING THE DEPARTMENT'S NEXT HUMAN

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